

# New beginnings/ hope

## God's compassion is new every morning

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." *Lamentations 3:22-24 (NIV)*

## Creative idea, prayers for the New Year

God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of this new year, why not take a moment to thank him for last year and dedicate this year to him - to serve him and love him afresh. A good way of reviewing the year ahead is to write down the main areas of your life (e.g. work - family - friends - church - the Mothers' Union etc.) and then think about what God might want to do in these areas of your life for the next year.

You can use the template below to print sheets for people to write on. Once written, place them in a self-addressed envelope. Ask someone to take responsibility to post these in six months' time. It will be a timely reminder of what you think God has asked you to accomplish this year and you can see what has happened in the meantime.

## Prayers

*Remember to pray for our branch projects, for new members to join us in our work and renewed energy to accomplish the tasks that God has set before us.*

Lord, through your grace you make all things new and cause our spirits to be born again.  
Renew our passion for serving you and bring hope alive again in our hearts.

Thank you for the new year ahead,  
for all the potential it holds.  
Come and inspire us to do great things  
so that others will see the wonders of God  
and forever praise your glorious name.  
Amen

*New life and new beginnings;  
May my life be lived  
for Jesus and  
starting from today  
may I find new ways  
to love and serve  
Him.*

## Anglican Prayer suitable for the start of a new year:-

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to *thee*, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly *thine*, utterly dedicated *unto thee*; and then use us, we pray *thee*, as *thou wilt*, and always to *thy* glory and the welfare of *thy* people;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

*(Source: Book of Common Prayer, 1979 version, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA).*